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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the relationship " $T1 + 10 \leq H \leq D \times 0.12$ ", the recitation is indefinite since the value 10 fails to include any unit measurement required for the accurate examination of the relationship. For purpose of examination the unit measurement would be considered to be in mm. Claim 2 is dependent of claim 1, thus claim 2 is rejected for the same reasons.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami (US 6,812,631) in view of Kobayashi (US 4,893,054).

Regarding claim 1, Murakami discloses a flat panel for a cathode ray tube, comprising a faceplate (2) having a useful screen for displaying image, a skirt portion (6) which extends from a perimeter of faceplate and has a seal edge (8, 7), and a blend round portion joining the faceplate with skirt portion, wherein when an average outer curvature radius R1 is equal to or

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greater than 10,000 mm (Column 7, lines 49-51), an overall height H (H_s) of the faceplate satisfies a following relationship: $T1 + 10 \leq H \leq D \times 0.12$, where $T1$ (T_{fc}) and D are a face center thickness of the faceplate and a diagonal length of the useful screen, respectively (Table 1, Ex. 4, where $T1$ is 20.0 mm, H is 115.0 mm and D is 860 mm).

Murakami is silent in regards to the limitation of an average inner curvature radius $R2$ is equal to or greater than 10,000 mm. However, in the same field of endeavor, Kobayashi discloses a flat panel for a cathode ray tube wherein the outer surface of the panel is made flat and the inner curvature radius of the panel is equal to or greater than 10,000 in order to prevent color blurring tending to occur at a peripheral area of the screen. Thus, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skills in the art to reasonable contemplate the successful performance of the average inner curvature radius $R2$ being equal to or greater than 10,000 mm as disclosed by Kobayashi in the flat panel of Murakami in order to prevent color blurring tending to occur at a peripheral area of the screen.

Regarding claim 2, Murakami discloses a flat panel wherein the face center thickness $T1$ and a seal edge thickness $T2$ satisfy following relationships respectively so that the flat panel has an allowable tensile stress satisfying UL standards for implosion proof: $D \times 0.02 \leq T1 \leq D \times 0.037$ and $D \times 0.014 \leq T2 \leq D \times 0.026$, (see Table 1, Ex. 4, where $T1$ is 20.0 mm, $T2$ is 13.5 mm and D is 860 mm).

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

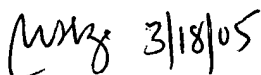
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